

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 59

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Wayne V. Scott of Unicoi.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the death of Wayne V. Scott; and

WHEREAS, he was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens as a legendary farmer; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Scott served with acumen and alacrity as an educator, community activist, businessman, and farmer, in which positions he earned the respect of his fellow citizens for the exceptional quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, a Carter County native, born to the late Thurman and Bessie Stepp Scott, he had been a resident of Unicoi since 1948; and

WHEREAS, after Mr. Scott heroically and honorably served in the United States Navy during World War II, he received his Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville in 1948; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Scott will be remembered as a mentor and inspiration to all his students for his role as a gifted educator, teaching Vocational Agriculture at Unicoi County High School, and for his involvement in The National Future Farmers of America Organization; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Scott was an exceptional farmer and innovator who grew a number of agricultural products, most notably strawberries; he founded Scott Farms in 1959 and supplied grocery stores and vegetable stands throughout the region, drawing people from all around to his famous strawberries like bees to honey; and

WHEREAS, he was a man of integrity who embodied the best of his community as a civic leader; Mr. Scott worked diligently to promote the growth of Unicoi County as the last

surviving charter member of the Unicoi Ruritan Club, which was formed in 1949. Mr. Scott was a driving force behind many of the Ruritan Club projects, serving in several capacities and offering his sage advice with a humble heart; and

WHEREAS, he received several of the civic club's highest and most prestigious honors, most recently being named a Tom Downing Fellow and having a Ruritan Forever Endowment established in his name; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Scott was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Scott was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Mary Lou Ritchie Scott; and

WHEREAS, he was the proud and loving father and father-in-law of Rebecca Scott Cable, Carole Scott and David Edwards, Steve and Fran Scott, Michael Scott, and David and Cindy Scott; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Scott will be sorely missed by his grandchildren, Amy Goad, Alison Cable Edwards, John David Scott, Nathaniel Scott, Samuel Scott, Cody Scott, and Ryan Scott; and

WHEREAS, he will be deeply missed by his many nieces and nephews and a host of friends and loved ones; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his wife and parents, Wayne Scott was preceded in death by his brother, Earnest Scott and his sisters, Ruth Holder and Ruby Manning; and

WHEREAS, this down-to-earth country gentleman has set a shining example for all to follow; his diligence, generosity, and love for his fellow man will not be forgotten by those whose lives he touched; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Scott leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Wayne V. Scott, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Scott.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.